IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-9 (Cancelled).

10. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a packaging container <u>from a packaging material</u> characterized by comprising:

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- (a) a cap attachment step of attaching a cap onto a cap attachment portion of the a packaging material before being subjected to forming;
- (b) then a forming step of forming the packaging material, on which the cap has been attached, into a predetermined shape; and
 - (c) a charging step of charging a liquid food into the formed packaging material.
- 11. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a packaging container according to claim 10, wherein:
- (a) the packaging material <u>is in sheet form</u> has a web-like shape before being subjected to forming; and
- (b) the packaging material on which the cap has been attached is formed into a tubular shape.
- 12. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a packaging container according to claim 10, wherein:
 - (a) the cap includes has a collar portion and a lid which is seated on the collar in portion

and can be brought into an opened state and a closed state; and

step (a) (b) the cap attachment step includes the steps of:

fixing the cap onto the packaging material;

unseating the lid from the collar to open the cap;

bringing the cap into an opened state;

punching a hole in an area of the packaging material surrounded by the collar;

welding an inner tape onto a reverse surface <u>area</u> of the packaging material <u>around the</u>

<u>hole</u> and a pull tab onto an outer surface <u>area</u> of the packaging material <u>around the hole</u> in order
to cover <u>the hole</u> an area surrounded by the collar portion; <u>and</u>

welding together the inner tape and the pull tab <u>in the area of the hole</u> to thereby form a rupture portion ; and

fitting the lid portion into the collar portion.

- 13. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a packaging container according to claim 10, wherein:
 - (a) the cap includes has a collar portion; and
 - (b) the cap attachment step (a) includes the steps of:

punching a hole in an area of the packaging material surrounded by the collar;

welding an inner tape onto a reverse surface of <u>an area of</u> the packaging material <u>around</u> the hole and a pull tab onto an outer surface of <u>an area of</u> the packaging material <u>around the hole</u> in order to cover the hole <u>an area surrounded by the collar portion</u>; and

welding together the inner tape and the pull tab through the hole to thereby form a rupture

portion.

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14. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a packaging container according to claim 10, wherein:

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- (a) a thin wall portion is <u>preformed</u> formed in advance in the packaging material <u>prior</u> before the packaging material is subjected to forming <u>the packaging container</u>;
- (b) the cap <u>includes</u> has a collar portion and a lid <u>which is seated on the collar in portion</u> and can be brought into an opened state and a closed state; and
 - (c) the cap attachment step (a) includes the steps of:

fixing the cap onto the packaging material with the collar surrounding such that the cap faces the thin wall portion;

unseating the lid from the collar to open bringing the cap into an opened state; and welding a pull tab onto an outer surface area of the packaging material in order to cover an area surrounded by the collar portion; and

fitting the lid portion into the collar portion.

- 15. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a packaging container according to claim 10, wherein:
- (a) a thin wall portion is <u>preformed</u> formed in advance in the packaging material before the packaging material is subjected to forming;
 - (b) the cap includes has a collar portion; and
 - (c) the cap attachment step (a) includes the steps of:

fixing the cap onto the packaging material with the collar surrounding such that the cap faces the thin wall portion; and

welding a pull tab onto an outer surface of the packaging material in order to cover an area surrounded by the collar portion.

16. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a packaging container according to claim 10:; wherein (a) the cap includes has a lip; and

wherein (b) the cap attachment step (a) includes the steps of:

punching a hole in the packaging material; and

welding an inner tape onto a reverse surface of the packaging material <u>and</u>

covering the hole and <u>welding</u> a lip onto an outer surface of the packaging material via a

pull tab, <u>said lip at least partially surrounding the hole</u>, and at the same time welding

together the inner tape and the pull tab <u>through the hole</u> to thereby form a rupture portion.

- 17. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a packaging container according to claim 10 wherein the cap includes a lip and wherein step a includes: characterized by comprising the steps of:
 - (a) fixing a lip onto a packaging material;
- (b) forming a discharge opening portion within an area of the packaging material in at least partially surrounded by the lip; and
- (c) bonding a pull tab to the outer surface of the packaging material in order to cover the discharge opening portion.

18. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a packaging container according to claim 17, further comprising bonding wherein an inner tape is bonded to the reverse surface of the packaging material to cover the discharge opening portion.